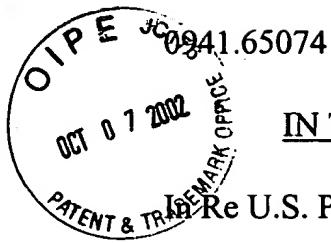


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AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed June 19, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claim 1 stands rejected under § 102 on the basis of Chen et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the following reasons.

It is the object of the present invention to provide an overlay type MR sensor with minimized oxidation of the cap layer covering the MR structure, by providing an